

SOUTHERN NEWS.

The Northern papers have Richmond papers to the 30th ult:

Tobacco is falling in price in Richmond, the market being overstocked. Oak wood is \$16 per cord. Butter is selling at \$2 per pound; salt 36 to 37½ cents per pound; coffee \$2 25 to \$2 50 per pound; green tea \$15 per pound.—Specie is "advancing," gold selling at \$2 50 premium, and silver \$2 premium. The Examiner says: "This is unexampled in our money market, but as there is no limit to speculation, we may have to note a still further advance in our next report."

The Charleston papers state that the Confederate loss was 20 killed and 60 wounded at the late fight at Pocotaligo.

The Confederates are having some trouble with the Florida Indians, who are "committing all manner of depredations."

Gen. Magruder passed through Augusta, Ga., on Saturday, to assume command of the Southwestern Military Department of the Confederate States.

The Examiner urges active measures to resist threatened attacks by the Federals upon the Confederate seaboard cities, and says "from what we have learned of their defences we should have strong confidence in their ability to resist attack, but for the experiences of last winter."

The Enquirer has a dispatch from Charleston, announcing the capture, by the Federals, of the steamship Anglia, loaded with army stores, and bound to Charleston.

The yellow fever is still very severe at Wilmington.

The Enquirer congratulates the South upon the results of the elections in Ohio and Indiana, as showing that the Northwest is weary of the war.

Information has reached Newbern, N. C., that the Confederates have two iron-clad gunboats at Hamilton, Roanoke river, and that they have some gunboats at Halifax, above Hamilton and near Weldon, on the same river. It is stated that, on the 22d of October, the Union Governor Stanley, by flag of truce, dispatched a communication to the Confederate Governor Vance, proposing an interview, without any ceremony or raising any questions of dignity or rank between himself and Gov. V. If the above proposition should be declined, then that commissioners be appointed by Gov. Vance for a conference with Gov. Stanley upon the present state of public affairs and the aspect of the war, and the exchange of prisoners.

The Lynchburg Republican says that the constitutionality of the conscription act will be tested in the Court of Appeals in Virginia.

Gen. Joe Johnson is not at present in the West. He is still in Richmond, suffering severely from the wound in his ribs, to which, it is said, the covering has become attached.—The latest accounts, however, say he is much better, and will soon be able to take the field. His anxiety to be again at the head of his men is very great.

A railroad accident occurred on the Mississippi railroad, on the 19th ult., by which thirty-five persons were killed. A collision occurred on the Raleigh and Gaston railroad, last week, by which several persons were killed and wounded.

Gen. Winder has dismissed some detective officers employed in Richmond, on the ground of "malfeasance in office, corruption, bribery and incompetency."

THE POTOMAC LINES.—The intelligence from the Upper Potomac indicates that active hostilities have at last commenced between the two great armies. A dispatch from headquarters last night states that Gen. Pleasanton on Saturday met a body of Confederate cavalry at Philemont and a fight ensued, resulting in the Southern troops falling back three miles to the town of Union. Yesterday morning Gen. Pleasanton renewed the attack, and being reinforced by infantry, the Confederates again retreated, and the Federal troops occupied the town. The fighting was mostly done by the artillery, and the loss on the Federal side was small; that of the Confederate side is not known. Snickersville and the Gap in the mountain bearing the same name were occupied by the Federal troops yesterday. Two brigades of Confederate infantry were advancing up the west side of the mountain at last accounts, and firing was heard in that direction, but the result was not known. Heavy firing was also heard in the direction of Purcellville yesterday, believed to be a fight between Gen. Bayard and Gen. Stuart. The Confederates are reported to be in considerable strength at Upperville and Wheatland, in Fauquier county.

In the Washington Circuit Court, in the case of Albert D. Hayden, use of I. L. Stevens, vs. Gideon Welles, Secretary of the Navy. Mr. Stewart entered a nolle prosequi, and immediately had writs issued, and brought separate suits against Gideon Welles, Secretary of the Navy, Gustavus V. Fox, Assistant Secretary, and Francis E. Spinner, Treasurer of the United States. The real plaintiffs in the matter, are the creditors and assignees of Hayden.

The brig Queen Victoria, from St. Vincent, on the 15th, brings advices of an uprising of negro laborers against their proprietors and managers, during which houses were burnt and robberies committed. One overseer was killed. The whites turned out, killed seven of the rioters, and took about two hundred prisoners. Troops were sent from Barbadoes, and the British ship Challenger also arrived. The insurrection was quelled. The St. Vincent Gazette thinks the disturbance will prevent the laborers from doing work for some time.

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[COMMUNICATED.]

FIRE DEPARTMENT.—The long continued apathy of the City Council in reference to the condition of the fire apparatus, is as surprising and improvident as its results may be unfortunate and disastrous.

A sense of insecurity, in case of fire, is illy calculated to induce quiet by day time or night time, especially at a season of the year, "when whistling winds and wailing woods" augment the terror and danger of a fiery ordeal. The negligence of the City Council has already subjected our citizens to a loss of tens of thousands of dollars, and, if persisted in, may ere long prove still more calamitous. Of the five engines that were in effective condition on the arrival of the Federal forces here, only one (the Friendship) was present at the recent fire on Duke street, and but for the isolated condition of the house on fire, it might have proved a fearful conflagration, the wind blowing fiercely at the time.

The authorities should immediately appoint an engineer who would promptly execute the laws pertaining to his office; the police officers also not neglecting theirs, as per section 3 and 13 of fire act, page 165.

Many of the fire-plugs having been rendered disserviceable by the Water Company, some action should be taken to avoid delay when necessary to use them pending a fire.

No new act, as recently recommended by the Mayor, in reference to the removal of hay, &c., from open lots, would seem to be necessary, a warden having full power, in such cases. See 5, page 165. M.

The Suffolk, Long Island, Bank, has been robbed of a large amount of bills.

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